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1. Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) – 1 page
2. Copy of Power of Attorney to Prosecute Applications Before the USPTO (Form PTO/SB/80) – 1 page

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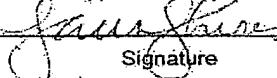
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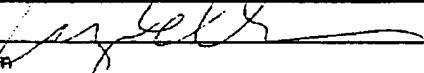
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